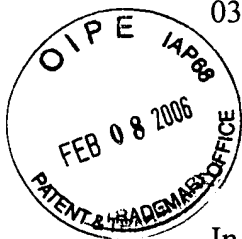


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: Art Unit: 2122
Application No.: 10/787,196)
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Filed: February 27, 2004)
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For: DATA PROCESS, PROGRAM)
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UPDATING METHOD AND)
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STORAGE MEDIUM) February 7, 2006

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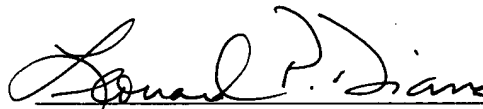
Applicant respectfully requests to be advised as to the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on February 27, 2004, as can be seen from the PAIR system. To date, no Office Action has been received for this application, and as far as can be seen from PAIR, the application has not even been assigned to an Examiner.

Since the application was filed more than a year ago, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested promptly to indicate to the undersigned when it is expected to issue an Office Action.

In addition, Applicant notes from PAIR that the electronic filewrapper of this application contains an Information Disclosure Statement, dated September 9, 2004 (copy attached), that does not relate to this application, but to another with a similar application number (A.N. 10/786,196). Applicant would prefer that the filewrapper of his application be as correct as possible, and not include papers inadvertently misfiled. Accordingly, removal of that Information Disclosure Statement from the patent and Trademark Office file of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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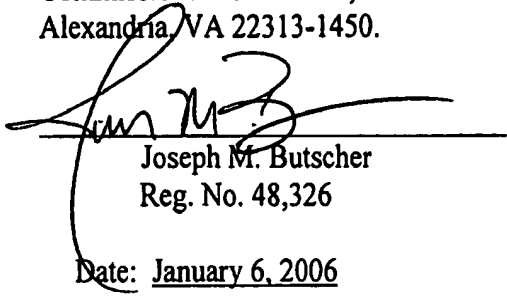
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Dear Sirs:


This Information Disclosure Statement supplements the information disclosure statements filed on February 25, 2004, and September 9, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the reference listed on the attached PTO form be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

This submission, is in no way intended as an admission that the listed reference constitutes prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the references from the available prior art.

Consideration of the reference in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due because it is believed that this statement is being filed before the first Office Action on the merits has been mailed by the PTO. Please charge any fees due in connection with this statement to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,



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